

epidemic, focusing on the keys to success for the international response, after receiving testimony from Liberia President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Monrovia; Paul Farmer, Partners in Health, Boston, Massachusetts; E. Anne Peterson, World Vision, Washington, DC; Pape Gaye, IntraHealth International, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; and Javier Alvarez, Mercy Corps, Portland, Oregon.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michelle K. Lee, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and Daniel Henry Marti, of Virginia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office

of the President, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE ACTION ON IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's executive action on immigration and the need to pass comprehensive reform, including S. 744, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth H. Shuler, AFL-CIO, Washington, DC; Christopher H. Schroeder, Duke University Program in Public Law, Durham, North Carolina; John C. Eastman, Chapman University's Dale E. Fowler School of Law, Orange, California; Jan C. Ting, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Astrid Silva, Las Vegas, Nevada.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 1, 5825–5847; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 130; H. Con. Res. 122–124; and H. Res. 777–778 were introduced. **Pages H9043–45**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H9045**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 776, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 83) to require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of energy action plans aimed at promoting access to affordable, reliable energy, including increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, and for other purposes; waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–655). **Page H9043**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jolly to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8933**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:19 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8942**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Aaron McEmrys, Uni-

tarian Universalist Church of Arlington, Arlington, Virginia. **Page H8942**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 261 yeas to 155 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 556. **Page H8968**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014: S. 1691, to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rates of pay for border patrol agents; **Pages H8945–51**

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4681, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 325 yeas to 100 nays, Roll No. 558; **Pages H8951–62, H8991–92**

Transportation Security Acquisition Reform Act: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2719, to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 425 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 559;

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Aviation Security Stakeholder Participation Act: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1204, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 416 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 560;

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DHS OIG Mandates Revision Act of 2014: S. 2651, to repeal certain mandates of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General;

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United States Cotton Futures Act: H.R. 5810, to amend the United States Cotton Futures Act to exclude certain cotton futures contracts from coverage under such Act;

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Naval Vessel Transfer Act: S. 1683, to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients;

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Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014: S. 2142, to impose targeted sanctions on persons responsible for violations of human rights of antigovernment protesters in Venezuela and to strengthen civil society in Venezuela; and

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Feed the Future Global Food Security Act of 2014: H.R. 5656, amended, to authorize the Feed the Future Initiative to reduce global poverty and hunger in developing countries on a sustainable basis.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote sustainable agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, and for other purposes.”.

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Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2014: The House passed S. 2244, to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 417 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 557.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 113–654 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 775, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (S. 2244), was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 231 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 554, after the previous question was ordered.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following

measure which was debated on Tuesday, December 9th:

Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2014: S. 1000, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 555.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of our brave men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our country in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in our armed forces and their families.

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Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act of 2014: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table H.R. 1281, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and concur in the Senate amendment.

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Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and pass S. 2521, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to provide for reform to Federal information security.

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Providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 3979: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 123, to provide for a correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3979.

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Providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 5771: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 124, to provide for a correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 5771.

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Coast Guard Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and pass S. 2444, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2015 through 2016.

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United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Authorization: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5816, to extend the authorization for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

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Denouncing the use of civilians as human shields by Hamas and other terrorist organizations: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and agree to the amendments of the Senate to H. Con. Res. 107, denouncing the use of civilians as human shields by Hamas and other terrorist organizations.

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Insurance Capital Standards Clarification Act of 2014: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 2270, to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

Pages H9019–20

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Supporting America's Charities Act: H.R. 5806, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent certain expiring provisions related to charitable contributions.

Pages H8998–H9002

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics—Reappointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics for a term of four years: Dr. Vickie M. Mays, Los Angeles, California.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H8942, H8968 and H9028.

Senate Referrals: S. 1474, S. 2614, S. 2519, and S. 2444 were held at the desk. **Pages H8942, H8968, H9028**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, December 11.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8966–67, H8967, H8968, H8991, H8991–92, H8992–93 and H8993. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINING FDA'S ROLE IN THE REGULATION OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD INGREDIENTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Examining FDA's Role in the Regulation of Genetically Modified Food Ingredients". Testimony was heard from Michael M. Landa, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration; and public witnesses.

COUNTERING ISIS: ARE WE MAKING PROGRESS?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Countering ISIS: Are We Making Progress?". Testimony was heard from Brett McGurk, Deputy Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL, Department of State.

RUSSIAN ARMS CONTROL CHEATING AND THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services, held a joint hearing entitled "Russian Arms Control Cheating and the Administration's Responses". Testimony was heard from Rose Gottemoeller, Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Department of State; and Brian McKeon, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, Department of Defense.

THE UNITED STATES AS AN ARCTIC NATION: OPPORTUNITIES IN THE HIGH NORTH

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled "The United States as an Arctic Nation: Opportunities in the High North". Testimony was heard from Admiral Robert Papp, Jr., USCG, Retired, Special Representative for the Arctic, Department of State; and public witnesses.

AFTER THE WITHDRAWAL: THE WAY FORWARD IN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN (PART III)

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, held a joint hearing entitled "After the Withdrawal: The Way Forward in Afghanistan and Pakistan (Part III)". Testimony was heard from Jarret Blanc, Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State; Donald L. Sampler, Assistant to the Administrator, Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Mr. James Soiles, Deputy Chief of Operations, Office of Global Enforcement, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

THE IMPACT ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES OF THE RELEASE OF UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN MINORS AND THE NEED FOR CONSULTATION AND NOTIFICATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security held a hearing entitled "The Impact on Local Communities of the Release